

An Act to enable County Councils to raise money for assisting persons in certain cases to sow their land, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, from the failure last year of the crops in many of the Townships of Upper Canada, many persons will not be able to procure seed, without assistance, and it is expedient to empower County Councils to raise money for their relief;

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any law in force in Upper Canada, the Council of any County may pass a By-law, or By-laws, for raising money, not exceeding in the whole twenty thousand dollars, to be expended in the purchase of seed, and for the relief of persons suffering from the failure of the crops, and for no other purpose; and the debentures issued under such By-laws shall be a charge on the County.

County Councils may raise money for buying seed, &c.
2. Such By-law shall be in the form of Schedule A. to this Act and the sections, numbered 222, 223, 224 and 225, of the Act respecting the Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada, chapter 54 of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, shall not apply thereto.

Form of By-law. Certain provisions not to apply.
3. The County Council shall lend the money so raised, in such sums as they may deem expedient, to Township Councils requesting the same, and shall impose and levy a special rate, in each year, against the Municipality so borrowing, over and above all other County rates, until the loan and interest are repaid.

County to lend the money to the Townships.
4. The Township Councils shall lend the money so borrowed, and may also lend any surplus Township funds in their possession, not otherwise appropriated, to the persons aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid.

Townships to lend to parties wanting seed, &c.
5. The Township Councils, if they deem it expedient, may purchase seed and deliver the same to the persons aforesaid, in the place of money.

Or purchase seed.
6. The Township Council shall, by By-law, declare the time within which such loan shall be repaid, and shall impose, levy and collect a special annual rate, over and above all other rates, against the estate, real and personal, of the party borrowing, and all the rights and remedies shall apply thereto, which now or at any time hereafter shall apply to the collection of any other rate or tax upon such land, or the Council, if it see fit, may take other security, real or personal, for the payment of such loan.

Township Council to collect rates, &c., against parties borrowing.
7. No money raised under this Act shall be applied to any other purpose, and any surplus thereof unapplied, shall be added to the sinking fund, for the redemption of the debentures issued as aforesaid.

Application of monies raised.